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STATE DOCUMENTS

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK — National Library Week will be April 13-19. The theme is Information Power - the vital information services provided by all types of libraries - and focuses on increasing the visibility of libraries. Packets of NLW materials, including posters, are available from 1975 National Library Week Program, American Library Association's Public Information Office, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

LIBRARY MEDIA AWARD — Missoula Public Schools have been nominated for the 1975 School Library Media Program of the Year Award, sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians and the Encyclopaedia Britannica Companies.

The other three finalists are Rochester (New York) City Schools, Shelby County Schools, Memphis, Tennessee and the LaCrosse (Wisconsin) Area Public Schools. Missoula is now eligible for the top national award and an accompanying $5,000 cash prize.

The award recognizes the local library media center as indispensable to contemporary education.

The four districts were nominated following on-site visitations by members of the sponsors' Selection Committee, which reviewed applications from public and private systems throughout the nation.

Phyllis Williamson, Supervisor of Library Services, Great Falls Public Schools, is a member of the Selection Committee.

NEW COMMISSION MEMBER — Mrs. Robert D. Watt, Missoula, Montana, has been appointed by Governor Thomas Judge to the Montana State Library Commission for a term ending May 22, 1976. Mrs. Watt replaces Margaret S. Warden, Great Falls, who resigned when she was elected State Senator.

SHERIDAN PUBLIC LIBRARY — Mrs. Florence Birrer, Librarian, Sheridan Public Library, reports that two bequests have been made to the library. The bequests were from Gertrude Wilson of Sheridan and Cora Hoyt Thackery of Laurin.

Mrs. Birrer also reports that Mr. and Mrs. George M. McCullough have donated a memorial book to the Sheridan Public Library. Graphics were by George M. McCullough, the cover material was woven by Henrietta McCullough and the book was hand bound by Marilyn J. Skinner. The book was printed by Fort Wayne Art Institute, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. McCullough are art instructors at Fort Wayne Art Institute and the daughter and son-in-law of Dr. and Mrs. H. N. Tragitt, Sheridan.

COPYRIGHT BILL — A copyright bill (SB 3976), signed by President Ford on December 31, 1974, is designed to: (1) make permanent the prohibition against piracy of sound recordings and increase the penalties for such piracy, (2) extend the duration of expiring copyrights through calendar year 1976, and (3) establish a new National Commission on New Technological Uses of Copyrighted Works.

One of the problems facing the Commission will be library photocopying of copyrighted

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works. This issue has been debated for several years. The case of Williams & Wilkins v. The United States concerning liability for photocopying under the present copyright law, heard before the U. S. Supreme Court on February 25, was not resolved because the Court divided 4 to 4 on the issue. The effect of the vote was to uphold the decision of the U. S. Court of Claims in 1973 that permitted the National Institute of Health and the National Library of Medicine to continue photocopying articles from scientific and technical journals without permission or fee. The Supreme Court's decision, confined to the special facts of the single case, did not provide any guidelines at all as to the legality of the photocopying of 20 billion pages or more of copyrighted material in the United States every year.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON LIBRARIES

The Senate Joint Resolution authorizing $3.5 million for a White House Conference on Library and Information Services to be held no later than 1978 has been passed by Congress and signed by President Ford. The National Commission on Libraries and Library Information (NCLIS) will now ask Congress to appropriate the full amount authorized this spring in order to expedite conference planning.

Dr. Frederick Burkhardt, NCLIS Chairman, says the first step in preparing for the Conference will be to appoint the 28-member advisory committee as provided by the law. It will then be necessary to plan and schedule the 50 state conferences to be held before the White House Confeence, now planned in Washington, D. C., for fall 1977. Dr. Burkhardt says the entire $3.5 million must be appropriated now as the first state conferences must be held before the end of 1975 if all 50 conferences are to be completed by the end of 1976.

The purpose of holding the White House Conference and the individual state conferences is to involve the general public, as well as members of the library and academic world, in discussing and evaluating the role of the nation's libraries and information centers in today's world and to develop recommendations for their further improvement and development in the future.

PEOPLE

Mrs. Helen Anderson has resigned her position as Administrative Assistant at the Great Falls Public Library after 23 years of service. Helen began working at Great Falls Public Library as a page when she was in junior high school.

The family now resides in Fort Benton, where her husband is vice president of First State Bank of Fort Benton. Helen plans to devote most of her time to family and hobbies, but will continue her duties as treasurer of the Montana Library Association.

Clare Smith was recently honored at an open house at the Miles City Public Library. Mrs. Smith was Chief Librarian at Miles City Public Library and is now a consultant to the Sagebrush Federation. Miles City is Federation Headquarters of Sagebrush Federation.

Alice McClain, Director of Libraries, Montana State University, announces the following changes on the library staff: Jean M. Schmidt has replaced David E. Horn as archivist. Mr. Horn has accepted the position of archivist at DePauw University. Richard E. Byrd replaces Lynette Johnson as reference librarian. Douglas McCall is replacing Nora Asano as creative arts librarian.

Kathleen Campbell, former head librarian at the University of Montana, died February 25 in Denver. Miss Campbell received her MS and MLS from the University of Denver. She retired as head librarian at UM in 1966. During her tenure at UM she was chairman of the Montana State Library Commission; member, American Library Association; past president, Pacific Northwest Library Association; past president, Montana Library Association. Miss Campbell was active in the organization of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center. Memorial contributions can be made to the Kathleen Campbell Memorial Book Fund at the University of Montana Library.

MSL OPEN HOUSE — An open house for members of the 44th Legislative Assembly was held at Montana State Library on January 8, 1975. The Senators and Representatives and their wives or husbands were served sandwiches and tea and then conducted on tours of the building by staff members. The reference staff explained interlibrary loan procedures and the advantages of the TWX machines in that process. The DBPH staff explained the service to blind and physically handicapped patrons in the state.

LSCA FUNDING — In his announcement of rescissions and deferrals of January 30, 1975, President Ford included the rescission of $26,749,000 of the $51,749,000 appropriated by Congress for the Library Services and Construction Act for FY 1975. This eliminates all by $24,999,000 for state allotments under LSCA Title I, and allows nothing for Title II or Title III. One reason given for the rescission was to avoid expanding present programs while new legislation is being considered for the proposed Library Partnership Act.

Congress has 45 days in which to act on rescissions proposed by the President, and both the House and Senate must pass legislation approving them before they take effect. If either the House or Senate takes no action during the 45-day period, the money must be released.

Other library-related funding which would be reduced by the rescissions is $9,975,000 for college library resources, $7,500,000 for undergraduate instructional equipment, $3,000,000 for training and demonstrations, and $5,000,000 for school library resources.

ALA AWARD — Beverly Cleary, whose stories have delighted millions of children, has been named winner of the 1975 Laura Ingalls Wilder Award by the Children's Services Division of the American Library Association.

BIOMEDICAL LIBRARIAN — The Statewide Health Sciences Library Advisory Committee met at the Montana State Library on Saturday, January 18. Committee members present included Dr. Sidney Pratt, Sister Margaret LaPorte, Mrs. Vivian Ellis, Mrs. Betty Findlater, Donald Danielson, Martha Hassell, Alma Jacobs, Ethel Hill, Dr. Leonard Brewer and Mrs. Brewer. Dean Earle Thompson, Alice McClain, Jane Cromwell and Dr. Belle Richards were unable to be present. Dr. Brewer stressed the need for support from health-related associations and societies in Montana for the library program, as the National Library of Medicine will be unable to furnish funds after June of this year. Mrs. Hill's position as Coordinator should be filled by an experienced biomedical librarian, so that the work which has been started will be carried on and funding for workshops and travel will also be necessary. Dr. Brewer will be contacting likely sources of support within the state, and it is hoped that contributions will be sufficient to continue the program.

The UNION LIST OF HEALTH SCIENCES SERIALS available in Montana will be brought up to date and a new edition printed and distributed to participating libraries. The Mountain States Regional Medical Program will provide funds for this project.

A series of workshops for hospital and clinic library personnel is being planned for the end of April, and Mrs. Hill hopes to be able to complete a survey of Montana libraries before she leaves in June.

The Board of Directors of the Montana Nurses' Association held their annual meeting at the Montana State Library on January 16-17. Mrs. Hill told them about the need for nursing texts and nursing journals in the State Library collection. She also mentioned the need of support for a replacement for her position at the State Library.

Mrs. Jacobs and Mrs. Hill drove to Lewistown on January 13-14. Mrs. Jacobs conferred with the Board of Trustees of Carnegie Public Library, Lewistown. Mrs. Hill met with the

Hospital Library Committee and discussed plans for the library in the new hospital building and encouraged use of the network services.

A trip to Billings was also made in January by Mrs. Hill. While there, Mrs. Hill visited the libraries at the Billings Clinic, and MSU School of Nursing Library at the Deaconess Hospital and the St. Vincent's Hospital Library. Deaconess Hospital has planned a new staff library adjacent to the Medical Records Department, and current publications will be available there, as well as at St. Vincent's Library in Marillac Hall. Mrs. Mary Smith has been most helpful in reorganizing and cataloging the Clinic Library, and the fine spirit of cooperation that exists among these Billings libraries is an example to other Montana communities.

Martha Hassell submitted her resignation as Librarian at the Veterans Administration Hospital in January. In the thirty years she spent at the Hospital, she built up an outstanding collection of health sciences and related materials, and this collection has been an invaluable source for reference work and interlibrary loan work in the state. Mrs. Hassell's replacement is Bennett Lawson, who comes from the V. A. Hospital in Alexandria, Louisiana.

BLAINE COUNTY LIBRARY — We wish to make the following correction of our article in the January 9, 1975, issue concerning the Blaine County Library: Successful bidder on the project was John Siert of Chinook and not, as reported, Volk Construction Company of Great Falls.

VISUALLY OR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED? — Any person who is not able to read normally printed material, hold a book or turn a page because of a visual or physical handicap is eligible for free library services from the Montana State Library, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. The handicap may either be temporary or permanent. Certification forms and brochures are available at all Public Libraries in Montana and these forms can be signed by the local librarian. Services include Talking Books (phono discs), Cassette Books, Open Reel Books, Large Print Books and Braille Books. A Talking Book and/or a Cassette Machine is supplied at no cost.

For further information contact your Public Library or the Montana State Library.

LIBRARY MEDIA INSTITUTE — The School of Library Service and Teachers College at Columbia University is sponsoring a regional institute on the new national standards for school media programs published by the American Association for School Librarians and the Association for Educational Communications and Technology.

The institute will take place on May 24, 1975, at Columbia University, New York City. The institute is entitled "Making School Media Programs Work: Implications of Media Programs: District and School."

For further information contact Jane A. Hannigan, School of Library Service, Columbia University, New York City, New York 19927.

INTERLIBRARY COOPERATION — Members of the staffs of Montana State University and University of Montana Libraries met at Montana State Library on January 8 to discuss possible areas of interlibrary cooperation.

Possible projects discussed were cooperative acquisition of periodicals and reciprocal borrowing by students and faculty.

Montana State Library will assist the project by acquiring the University of Minnesota serials holding list which will be the data base for the proposed national serials catalog.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

To help alleviate the unemployment situation, the federal government has made available to the states additional funds for public library service jobs.

Libraries are eligible public agencies to receive added staff under this program. See your local State Employment Security Bureau Office for details about the Comprehensive Employment Training Program (CETA).

LEGISLATION

The bill providing for state funding for public libraries in federations, introduced as HB 55 by State Representative Jack Gunderson has been amended to refer the proposal to a vote of the people at the 1976 general election. The bill has passed the House and now goes to the Senate.

SB 194, an act to allow the creation of a library depreciation reserve fund was introduced in the Senate by Senator Margaret S. Warden. The bill was amended to include both city and county libraries and provides that a reserve fund may be established for the replacement and acquisition of property, capital improvements and equipment. The bill has passed the Senate and now goes to the House for action.

BRIDGER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Foxy 4-H Club of Bridger is painting the Bridger Community Library for their community service project.

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